

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 17, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
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Washington, D.C. 20500

President Biden:

We are deeply concerned by the recent implementation of COVID-19 vaccination requirements for essential travelers to the United States and Canada despite widespread opposition and serious concerns over the mandate's effect on our nation's supply chain.

On January 20th, your administration announced that on January 22nd, it would begin mandating that all non-U.S. Citizen travelers at land ports of entry and ferry terminals—including essential travelers—be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. These vaccine requirements, contrived by your administration and the Canadian government, recently received widespread attention and criticism after a Freedom Convoy of Canadian truckers peacefully protested in Ottawa. The mandates are causing major disruptions to the trucking industry and triggering ripple effects through the U.S. economy.

In 2020, trucks carried more than 70.9% of the value of surface trade exchanged between the U.S. and Canada—valued at \$695 billion.¹ The vaccination requirement on truck drivers will have disastrous consequences for American commerce. The Canadian Trucking Alliance expects as many as 22,000 Canadian and 16,000 American drivers to forgo cross-border trips, retire, or quit in response to the new entry requirements.²

The decision by your administration and the Canadian government is not only impacting truck drivers, but it also hurts American agriculture, and countless industries across our nation. Many farmers and ranchers rely on Canada for agricultural inputs and other products. Families, in northern states especially, rely on Canada for fuel such as propane to heat their home this winter. The recently implemented vaccine requirement is disrupting the transport of essential products to the American people who rely on them.

But this is not just a regional issue for northern border states. Your mandate comes amidst a growing supply chain crisis that is impacting tens of millions of Americans across the country. Trucking moves more than 70% of all freight in the United States,³ and policies that needlessly inhibit the industry exacerbate the supply chain breakdown that developed within your first year of office.

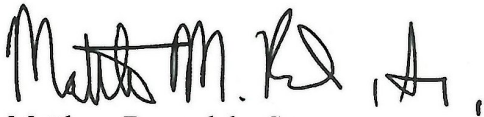
¹ <https://www.mhlnews.com/transportation-distribution/article/21214094/trucking-dominant-mode-of-freight-in-202>

² <https://cantruck.ca/media-reports-us-deadline-to-impose-vaccine-mandate-on-canadian-truck-drivers-is-january-22/>

³ <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2021/02/what-is-in-that-truck-i-just-passed-on-the-highway.html>

Instead of consulting with industry professionals to repair our collapsing supply chains, your administration is instead burdening an already depleted trucking workforce and causing irreparable harm to our economy at a time when we can least afford it. We strongly urge you to work with the Canadian government to lift these mandates before the American public suffers for it.

Sincerely,



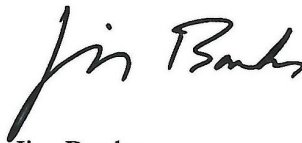
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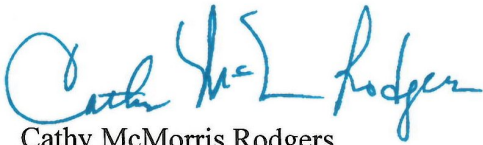
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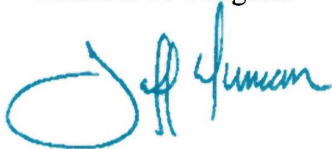
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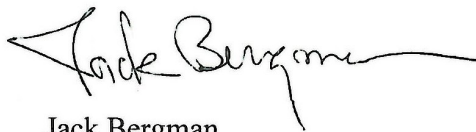
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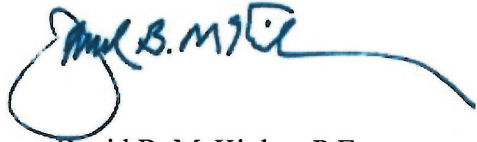
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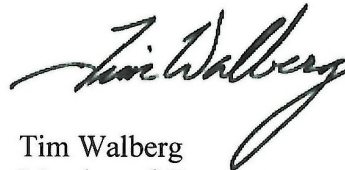
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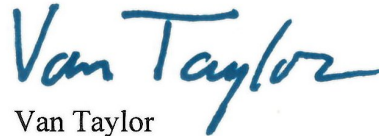
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